



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Index of Material Produced – SPD Defensive Tactics Manual

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Redactions on pages 2 - 5	Terms describing defensive tactics	<p>The defensive tactics used by the Spokane Police Department is tactical information essential to safe policing and must be kept confidential. The techniques listed in the table of contents are descriptive in nature and give rise to a rudimentary understanding of which tactics are taught to the officers. If accessible by the general public, this information could cause individuals motivated by an intent to harm officers to seek out counter-tactics to use against law enforcement.</p> <p>Defensive tactics are the tools of protection for law enforcement officers and critical to officer safety. They not only equip officers with a broad range of control techniques, but they also frontload officers with a spectrum of force options, many of which prevent much more significant uses of force. Because of the dangers associated with policing, defensive tactics must be kept confidential so that individuals who would harm police officers are not able to obtain this information and thereby study law enforcement methods and techniques with the goal of getting ahead of law enforcement and overpowering them. SPD's DT Manual teaches SPD officers how to mentally and physically prepare for various confrontations and attacks. The withholding of this information is tactical and essential to law enforcement, to the safety of the men and women who are employed as police officers and to the safety of the public.</p>	RCW 42.56.240(1) provides that specific intelligence information is exempt from disclosure. Sargent v. Seattle Police Dep't, 179 Wn.2d 376 (Wash. Dec. 19, 2013).

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Redactions of pages 16 – 163	Defensive tactics – detailed descriptions of how they are performed, including photos.	<p>The defensive tactics used by the Spokane Police Department is tactical information essential to safe policing and must be kept confidential. The techniques outlined in these pages are described in great detail and provide a comprehensive guide to how an officer is to perform the control techniques and defensive tactics that are practiced out in the field when emergencies arise and officers face hostile threats. If accessed by members of the public, this information could cause individuals motivated by an intent to harm officers to seek out counter-tactics to use against law enforcement.</p> <p>This is tactical information essential to safe policing and must be kept confidential. Defensive tactics are the tools of protection for law enforcement officers and critical to officer safety. They not only equip officers with a broad range of control techniques, but they also frontload officers with a spectrum of force options, many of which prevent much more significant uses of force. Because of the dangers associated with policing, defensive tactics must be kept confidential so that individuals who would harm police officers are not able to obtain this information and thereby study law enforcement methods and techniques with the goal of getting ahead of law enforcement and overpowering them. SPD's DT Manual teaches SPD officers how to mentally and physically prepare for various confrontations and attacks. The withholding of this information is tactical and essential to law enforcement, to the safety of the men and women who are employed as police officers and to the safety of the public.</p>	RCW 42.56.240(1) provides that specific intelligence information is exempt from disclosure. Sargent v. Seattle Police Dep't, 179 Wn.2d 376 (Wash. Dec. 19, 2013).